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# **May 1999 Labour Force Selected Summary Tables Australia**

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, MAY 1999(b)

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,662.7	110.1	6.2	71.2	1,250.2	90.0	6.7	52.0	2,912.9	200.1	6.4	61.4
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,094.9	57.2	5.0	73.0	840.2	47.9	5.4	54.1	1,935.1	105.1	5.2	63.4
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	118.5	7.5	5.9	70.6	111.3	* 4.1	* 3.6	59.3	229.8	11.6	4.8	64.7
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	75.6	5.7	7.0	72.0	65.7	* 1.5	* 2.3	61.0	141.3	7.2	4.9	66.5
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	69.9	* 1.4	* 1.9	75.7	64.9	3.0	4.4	60.9	134.8	4.4	3.2	67.7
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	116.7	4.8	3.9	69.8	90.5	3.2	3.4	53.7	207.2	8.0	3.7	61.7
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	84.6	6.6	7.2	71.6	53.0	* 1.7	* 3.1	43.6	137.6	8.3	5.7	57.7
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	141.4	14.5	9.3	73.0	97.6	13.9	12.5	51.8	239.0	28.4	10.6	62.3
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	80.7	10.4	11.4	69.0	52.2	8.5	14.0	47.2	133.0	18.9	12.4	58.3
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	76.7	3.8	4.7	71.9	52.8	3.9	6.9	47.7	129.5	7.7	5.6	59.4
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	161.6	8.3	4.9	77.7	114.6	7.1	5.8	55.5	276.2	15.3	5.3	66.6
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	75.2	* 1.7	* 2.2	71.3	73.7	* 1.9	* 2.6	64.0	148.9	3.6	2.4	67.5
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	116.2	* 2.8	* 2.3	78.7	89.3	4.7	5.0	59.0	205.5	7.5	3.5	68.6
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	67.7	* 1.3	* 2.0	77.9	47.5	* 1.6	* 3.3	53.1	115.2	* 3.0	* 2.5	65.2
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	66.4	4.8	6.7	63.5	45.0	2.6	5.4	42.6	111.4	7.3	6.2	53.0
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	567.8	52.9	8.5	68.1	410.0	42.1	9.3	48.4	977.8	95.0	8.9	58.1
Hunter Statistical Region	129.6	13.3	9.3	66.1	99.2	10.0	9.1	46.8	228.8	23.2	9.2	56.1
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	107.2	11.2	9.4	65.7	87.9	9.0	9.3	49.5	195.1	20.2	9.4	57.2
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	135.3	13.1	8.8	68.2	94.4	8.6	8.3	47.9	229.7	21.6	8.6	58.1
Illawarra Statistical Region	89.1	9.7	9.9	67.8	61.8	5.6	8.3	46.8	150.9	15.4	9.2	57.4
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	66.3	5.3	7.4	70.1	44.6	3.7	7.6	48.9	110.9	9.0	7.5	59.7
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	106.8	14.7	12.1	62.9	80.0	12.9	13.9	45.7	186.8	27.6	12.9	54.1
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	130.8	6.3	4.6	74.2	92.1	5.4	5.5	54.6	222.9	11.7	5.0	64.6
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	65.3	* 5.6	* 7.9	70.6	44.5	* 5.3	* 10.6	47.6	109.7	10.8	9.0	58.9

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	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed - '000 -	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partici- pation rate	Employed - '000 -	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partici- pation rate	Employed - '000 -	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partici- pation rate
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,220.4	110.7	8.3	72.5	940.0	71.5	7.1	52.8	2,160.3	182.2	7.8	62.4
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	906.1	80.7	8.2	73.8	707.6	53.2	7.0	54.3	1,613.7	134.0	7.7	63.8
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	139.5	15.8	10.1	73.7	105.7	9.1	8.0	55.1	245.2	24.9	9.2	64.4
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	65.6	8.9	12.0	76.1	52.3	5.1	8.9	52.2	117.9	14.1	10.7	63.5
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	71.2	6.5	8.3	74.5	59.0	3.4	5.5	61.2	130.2	9.9	7.1	67.9
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	110.1	9.9	8.2	73.9	83.0	6.5	7.2	51.2	193.1	16.4	7.8	62.1
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	156.3	12.9	7.6	71.4	133.5	6.6	4.7	54.3	289.8	19.6	6.3	62.5
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	96.6	8.0	7.7	70.2	78.2	5.6	6.6	52.6	174.7	13.6	7.2	61.1
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	113.8	5.8	4.8	78.1	74.9	6.2	7.6	53.5	188.7	12.0	6.0	65.9
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	91.0	7.7	7.8	74.7	70.2	7.8	10.0	57.2	161.3	15.5	8.8	65.8
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	62.0	5.2	7.7	74.0	50.9	2.9	5.3	52.7	112.9	8.1	6.7	62.7
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	314.2	30.0	8.7	69.1	232.4	18.3	7.3	48.8	546.6	48.2	8.1	58.8
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	86.3	9.2	9.6	72.5	62.2	5.1	7.6	46.8	148.5	14.3	8.8	59.1
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	58.5	* 3.6	* 5.8	74.8	34.4	* 2.1	* 5.7	50.0	92.9	5.7	5.7	63.2
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	49.1	6.6	11.8	64.1	42.6	5.1	10.8	46.8	91.7	11.7	11.3	54.7
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	73.8	* 3.9	* 5.0	66.9	58.2	* 2.7	* 4.5	53.7	132.0	6.6	4.8	60.4
All Gippsland Statistical Region	46.5	6.8	12.7	66.3	35.0	* 3.2	* 8.4	47.0	81.5	10.0	10.9	56.6
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	920.8	82.7	8.2	73.8	717.1	63.4	8.1	56.3	1,638.0	146.1	8.2	65.0
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	422.0	38.8	8.4	74.5	340.7	29.9	8.1	57.3	762.8	68.7	8.3	65.7
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	104.8	7.7	6.9	74.1	92.8	5.6	5.7	60.0	197.6	13.3	6.3	66.8
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	132.1	11.8	8.2	72.1	106.4	7.5	6.6	56.4	238.5	19.3	7.5	64.2
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	87.1	9.4	9.8	79.2	68.7	8.4	10.9	60.3	155.8	17.8	10.3	69.5
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	98.0	9.9	9.2	74.1	72.9	8.5	10.4	53.3	170.9	18.4	9.7	63.4
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	498.8	43.8	8.1	73.2	376.4	33.5	8.2	55.5	875.2	77.3	8.1	64.4
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	103.0	9.9	8.8	72.7	73.4	5.8	7.3	48.7	176.4	15.7	8.2	60.4
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	78.6	7.5	8.7	71.9	61.5	7.5	10.9	57.1	140.1	15.0	9.7	64.4
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	51.2	5.8	10.2	62.1	39.6	* 2.1	* 5.1	47.5	90.9	8.0	8.1	55.0
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	68.1	* 1.9	* 2.8	76.1	53.1	* 2.3	* 4.2	60.5	121.2	4.2	3.4	68.3
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	88.5	11.4	11.4	80.9	59.6	7.4	11.0	59.1	148.1	18.7	11.2	70.4
Northern-North West Statistical Region	58.3	* 2.7	* 4.4	74.4	47.1	4.3	8.3	61.8	105.4	6.9	6.1	68.1
Far North Statistical Region	51.2	4.6	8.3	72.3	42.0	4.1	9.0	58.2	93.2	8.8	8.6	65.2
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	107.5	11.1	9.4	73.4	77.5	6.8	8.1	49.8	185.0	17.9	8.8	61.3

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	372.3	36.6	8.9	69.9	285.7	27.2	8.7	51.2	658.1	63.7	8.8	60.3
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	274.7	25.4	8.5	70.1	213.4	20.3	8.7	51.1	488.2	45.7	8.6	60.3
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.7	10.2	11.0	71.4	59.1	7.7	11.5	49.1	141.8	17.9	11.2	60.0
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	52.7	4.5	7.8	65.0	40.7	4.6	10.1	50.7	93.3	9.0	8.8	57.8
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.2	4.7	8.0	71.8	48.1	3.5	6.8	52.6	102.4	8.2	7.4	61.3
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.1	6.0	6.6	71.1	65.5	4.5	6.5	52.3	150.7	10.6	6.6	61.5
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	97.6	11.2	10.3	69.5	72.3	6.8	8.6	51.3	169.9	18.0	9.6	60.5
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	35.2	5.8	14.1	68.3	25.8	* 2.3	* 8.2	49.7	61.0	8.1	11.7	59.3
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	62.4	5.4	8.0	70.2	46.5	4.5	8.9	52.3	108.9	9.9	8.4	61.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	508.6	36.0	6.6	74.7	386.6	25.4	6.2	56.5	895.2	61.4	6.4	65.6
Perth Major Statistical Region	365.1	26.5	6.8	73.4	289.9	18.6	6.0	56.0	655.0	45.2	6.5	64.6
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	34.5	3.5	9.2	72.7	25.5	1.6	5.9	58.3	60.0	5.1	7.8	66.0
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	56.7	4.1	6.8	71.8	42.5	2.1	4.7	52.4	99.2	6.2	5.9	62.1
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	116.3	8.8	7.0	75.5	93.7	7.9	7.7	59.5	210.0	16.6	7.3	67.4
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.7	4.1	5.2	72.9	63.1	2.9	4.3	55.2	137.9	7.0	4.8	63.6
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	82.8	6.0	6.8	72.6	65.1	4.2	6.1	53.5	147.8	10.2	6.5	62.8
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	143.5	9.4	6.2	78.2	96.7	6.8	6.6	57.9	240.2	16.2	6.3	68.5
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	70.2	4.3	5.7	74.3	51.9	3.8	6.9	55.0	122.1	8.1	6.2	64.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	73.3	5.1	6.5	82.2	44.8	* 3.0	* 6.3	61.7	118.1	8.1	6.4	73.0
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	110.4	13.5	10.9	68.7	86.3	7.6	8.1	49.5	196.7	21.1	9.7	58.9
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	51.8	6.9	11.8	68.0	43.0	3.4	7.4	50.6	94.8	10.4	9.9	59.0
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	43.8	6.3	12.6	67.6	38.0	2.9	7.0	50.9	81.8	9.2	10.1	58.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.9	3.1	8.3	71.1	24.6	2.2	8.2	50.3	58.5	5.3	8.2	60.6
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.7	3.5	12.3	67.1	18.7	2.0	9.5	46.4	43.4	5.4	11.1	56.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	54.3	2.3	4.1	78.2	41.9	1.6	3.6	66.0	96.3	3.9	3.9	72.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	129.3	9.1	6.6	74.3	108.5	7.4	6.4	60.1	237.8	16.5	6.5	67.1
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.1	5.8	6.5	77.6	75.9	4.4	5.5	65.9	159.0	10.2	6.0	71.5
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,932.7	397.7	7.5	72.4	3,783.8	291.1	7.1	53.6	8,716.5	688.8	7.3	62.9

(a) As part of the redesign of Labour Force Survey sample, a number of changes have been made to Labour Force Statistical Regions. These changes may result in a break in series for some regions. See Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0). (b) For definitions, and information about scope and standard errors of these estimates, see the latest issue of the monthly publication Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (c) Estimates for South Eastern SR are not published separately. Data for the South Eastern SR are included in the ACT & South Eastern SR and in the Illawarra & South Eastern SR.

TABLE 2. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 2. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT												
Month	Long-term unemployment									Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104			Unemployed 104 weeks and over			Total			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females - '000-	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
	ORIGINAL											
1998 —												
March	68.9	38.7	107.6	92.4	44.8	137.2	161.3	83.5	244.8	35.3	24.4	30.6
April	64.7	41.5	106.2	84.8	43.5	128.3	149.5	85.0	234.5	36.0	26.8	32.0
May	62.0	38.0	100.0	83.2	46.9	130.1	145.2	84.8	230.0	33.7	27.9	31.3
June	60.3	35.9	96.2	82.8	44.3	127.1	143.1	80.3	223.3	33.2	26.5	30.4
July	63.4	40.0	103.3	88.1	45.8	133.9	151.5	85.8	237.3	35.2	29.1	32.8
August	68.1	37.4	105.5	90.6	47.6	138.1	158.7	84.9	243.6	36.5	29.3	33.6
September	66.5	43.2	109.7	99.5	46.4	145.9	166.0	89.6	255.6	37.5	28.1	33.5
October	64.3	35.4	99.7	83.4	47.1	130.5	147.7	82.5	230.2	37.4	28.6	33.7
November	59.1	37.2	96.3	99.3	46.6	145.9	158.5	83.8	242.2	38.6	28.3	34.3
December	55.3	40.7	96.0	85.7	43.9	129.6	141.0	84.6	225.6	34.2	29.0	32.0
1999 —												
January	62.6	41.4	104.0	91.9	42.0	133.9	154.5	83.4	237.9	34.5	27.1	31.5
February	58.5	41.1	99.6	96.3	47.8	144.1	154.9	88.9	243.7	34.9	26.4	31.2
March	55.5	36.9	92.4	85.1	43.8	128.9	140.5	80.7	221.2	34.7	24.4	30.0
April	52.2	32.3	84.5	83.0	42.1	125.2	135.2	74.5	209.7	33.6	24.6	29.7
May	54.4	36.9	91.3	84.9	36.1	121.0	139.3	73.0	212.3	35.0	25.1	30.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1998 —												
March	67.0	37.7	104.7	85.9	43.8	129.7	152.9	81.5	234.4	34.7	25.7	30.9
April	66.5	42.8	109.3	85.7	43.3	129.0	152.3	86.1	238.4	36.0	27.5	32.4
May	63.1	39.8	103.0	86.4	47.7	134.1	149.6	87.5	237.1	34.1	28.1	31.6
June	64.6	39.9	104.5	84.9	46.2	131.1	149.5	86.1	235.6	33.5	26.8	30.7
July	64.0	41.5	105.6	94.8	48.0	142.9	158.9	89.6	248.4	35.4	28.3	32.5
August	67.8	40.3	108.2	94.2	47.3	141.6	162.1	87.7	249.8	36.2	28.5	33.0
September	64.3	41.3	105.6	93.7	45.5	139.2	158.0	86.8	244.7	36.2	27.3	32.5
October	64.5	36.5	100.9	88.8	44.8	133.6	153.3	81.2	234.5	36.7	27.2	32.7
November	59.6	36.8	96.4	100.4	45.4	145.8	160.0	82.2	242.1	37.4	26.1	32.6
December	57.2	39.4	96.6	85.6	45.8	131.5	142.8	85.3	228.0	34.4	28.9	32.1
1999 —												
January	60.1	39.7	99.8	90.7	45.8	136.5	150.8	85.5	236.3	36.8	29.1	33.6
February	55.3	35.5	90.8	87.4	43.7	131.0	142.7	79.2	221.9	35.1	27.3	31.9
March	53.9	36.0	89.9	79.2	42.9	122.1	133.1	78.9	212.0	34.2	25.8	30.5
April	53.7	33.3	86.9	84.1	41.8	125.8	137.8	75.0	212.8	33.7	25.2	30.1
May	55.4	38.8	94.2	88.4	36.7	125.2	143.9	75.5	219.4	35.6	25.4	31.3
TREND SERIES												
1998 —												
March	67.8	40.4	108.2	84.3	43.6	127.9	152.1	84.0	236.1	35.0	26.7	31.5
April	65.8	40.3	106.2	85.6	45.0	130.5	151.4	85.3	236.7	34.7	27.1	31.5
May	64.9	40.5	105.4	87.2	46.0	133.3	152.1	86.5	238.7	34.6	27.5	31.6
June	64.9	40.7	105.6	89.1	46.7	135.8	154.1	87.3	241.4	34.8	27.7	31.9
July	65.1	40.5	105.6	91.0	46.9	137.9	156.1	87.4	243.6	35.2	27.8	32.1
August	64.9	40.1	105.0	92.6	46.7	139.3	157.5	86.8	244.3	35.7	27.7	32.4
September	64.2	39.5	103.7	93.7	46.3	140.0	157.9	85.8	243.7	36.2	27.6	32.6
October	63.0	39.0	102.0	93.7	45.9	139.6	156.7	84.9	241.6	36.5	27.7	32.8
November r	61.2	38.4	99.6	92.5	45.6	138.1	153.6	84.1	237.7	36.4	27.8	32.8
December r	59.2	37.8	97.0	90.4	45.3	135.7	149.6	83.2	232.7	36.0	27.8	32.6
1999 —												
January r	57.4	37.3	94.7	88.3	44.7	133.0	145.7	82.0	227.7	35.6	27.6	32.2
February r	56.1	36.8	93.0	86.5	43.8	130.2	142.6	80.6	223.2	35.1	27.1	31.7
March r	55.1	36.4	91.5	85.1	42.5	127.6	140.2	78.9	219.1	34.8	26.6	31.3
April r	54.3	36.1	90.5	84.3	41.0	125.4	138.7	77.2	215.8	34.6	26.0	30.9
May	54.0	35.9	89.9	83.6	39.6	123.2	137.6	75.6	213.2	34.4	25.4	30.6

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 1999  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

State or Territory	Unemployed under 52 weeks	Long-term unemployed		Total	Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment
		Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104	Unemployed 104 weeks and over		
MALES					
New South Wales	70.3	13.2	26.7	39.9	36.2
Victoria	66.9	17.5	26.3	43.8	39.6
Queensland	57.5	11.2	13.9	25.1	30.4
South Australia	22.0	5.3	9.3	14.6	39.8
Western Australia	28.0	3.9	4.1	8.0	22.2
Tasmania	7.5	2.2	3.7	6.0	44.2
Northern Territory	2.0	* 0.1	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 16.5
Australian Capital Territory	4.2	* 0.9	* 0.7	1.6	28.0
Australia	258.4	54.4	84.9	139.3	35.0
FEMALES					
New South Wales	68.0	10.6	11.4	22.0	24.4
Victoria	51.8	10.5	9.2	19.7	27.6
Queensland	49.1	7.2	7.1	14.3	22.6
South Australia	20.1	3.9	3.2	7.1	26.1
Western Australia	20.0	* 2.4	3.0	5.4	21.4
Tasmania	4.7	1.7	1.2	2.9	38.0
Northern Territory	1.4	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 12.6
Australian Capital Territory	3.1	* 0.6	* 0.7	1.3	30.0
Australia	218.1	36.9	36.1	73.0	25.1
PERSONS					
New South Wales	138.3	23.8	38.1	61.9	30.9
Victoria	118.7	28.0	35.5	63.5	34.9
Queensland	106.6	18.4	21.0	39.4	27.0
South Australia	42.1	9.3	12.4	21.7	34.0
Western Australia	48.0	6.3	7.1	13.4	21.8
Tasmania	12.2	3.9	4.9	8.8	41.9
Northern Territory	3.3	* 0.1	* 0.5	* 0.6	* 14.9
Australian Capital Territory	7.3	1.5	1.4	3.0	28.9
Australia	476.5	91.3	121.0	212.3	30.8

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY  
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Month	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas and water supply	Construction	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	Transport and storage
ORIGINAL									
1997 —									
May	423.4	81.9	1,127.7	68.2	575.3	501.6	1,223.6	410.0	395.5
August	414.6	80.8	1,143.0	66.0	566.8	472.5	1,195.1	392.1	390.8
November	451.5	82.8	1,137.2	64.6	597.2	493.1	1,276.0	401.5	389.4
1998 —									
February	439.8	80.8	1,109.7	61.3	605.2	506.0	1,261.5	395.3	401.0
May	417.4	86.5	1,095.0	65.7	619.2	528.3	1,243.3	422.8	395.8
August	412.5	86.6	1,104.4	69.0	624.3	507.9	1,254.0	402.0	380.0
November	412.7	81.7	1,083.6	64.2	639.9	497.1	1,301.4	410.6	403.4
1999 —									
February	429.5	74.4	1,074.5	58.8	624.5	507.8	1,315.6	413.8	435.2
May	432.6	75.8	1,067.3	66.9	647.7	514.0	1,323.1	418.6	416.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1997 —									
May	429.4	80.3	1,137.2	67.6	575.2	489.0	1,221.6	402.7	394.3
August	421.0	80.1	1,138.7	65.3	573.5	476.6	1,212.4	397.4	395.3
November	445.6	83.5	1,132.0	64.6	591.8	498.5	1,261.1	398.2	392.5
1998 —									
February	432.8	82.4	1,109.7	62.5	603.8	509.3	1,259.8	400.7	394.6
May	423.4	84.8	1,104.6	65.1	618.9	514.6	1,242.0	414.7	394.7
August	419.1	85.9	1,100.0	68.4	632.0	512.7	1,272.5	407.7	384.3
November	407.2	82.4	1,078.3	64.1	633.8	502.6	1,285.2	407.4	406.7
1999 —									
February	422.4	75.9	1,074.6	60.0	623.2	511.0	1,313.9	419.7	428.2
May	438.8	74.3	1,076.8	66.2	647.3	500.4	1,322.0	410.3	415.2
TREND									
1997 —									
May	425.8	81.7	1,138.8	66.1	573.7	486.6	1,218.5	405.4	395.7
August	432.3	80.7	1,136.7	65.5	578.6	487.0	1,229.0	399.9	394.3
November	435.0	81.9	1,127.9	64.2	588.9	494.8	1,244.7	398.4	394.3
1998 —									
February	434.0	83.6	1,116.1	64.0	604.5	507.6	1,253.7	403.8	392.7
May	425.4	85.0	1,104.6	65.5	620.0	513.3	1,257.4	407.9	390.2
August r	415.2	84.6	1,093.5	65.7	628.0	511.6	1,266.7	410.4	394.8
November r	415.4	81.7	1,084.0	64.4	630.9	508.2	1,288.1	411.6	405.9
1999 —									
February r	422.3	77.6	1,076.5	63.3	633.9	505.5	1,308.5	412.9	417.0
May	431.4	73.9	1,072.0	63.1	638.6	503.4	1,324.3	414.6	423.9

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY—continued  
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Month	Communication services	Finance and insurance	Property and business services	Government administration and defence	Education	Health and community services	Cultural and recreational services	Personal and other services
ORIGINAL								
1997 —								
May	161.8	317.8	839.2	356.5	589.1	770.7	200.9	340.2
August	151.9	312.5	887.3	337.9	583.6	779.7	196.4	335.4
November	148.9	308.4	874.7	350.4	587.2	798.1	210.6	343.0
1998 —								
February	147.8	307.7	905.2	340.1	554.7	800.0	201.6	340.1
May	146.0	324.6	921.3	328.7	608.1	819.6	204.8	339.4
August	151.1	322.3	939.9	329.0	602.9	808.5	200.2	342.6
November	154.3	332.5	944.4	339.8	606.4	816.8	213.0	349.1
1999 —								
February	144.5	322.2	942.0	351.9	580.5	833.4	206.6	333.4
May	155.6	302.4	953.8	360.5	624.1	810.9	217.2	329.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1997 —								
May	162.3	312.0	840.3	358.5	576.4	765.6	200.7	338.3
August	155.5	314.5	879.5	343.2	576.1	780.2	201.1	341.9
November	147.1	310.0	875.7	348.3	579.1	794.6	205.9	339.9
1998 —								
February	146.0	309.8	911.3	334.8	583.3	808.4	201.7	338.9
May	146.2	318.6	922.0	331.0	595.0	814.3	204.8	337.2
August	154.5	324.6	932.3	334.0	595.4	809.2	205.0	349.0
November	152.8	334.2	944.8	337.6	597.7	812.7	208.0	346.5
1999 —								
February	142.7	324.4	948.8	346.3	610.6	842.1	206.6	332.2
May	155.7	296.7	954.2	363.3	610.5	805.8	217.4	327.5
TREND								
1997 —								
May	158.8	316.7	849.3	357.1	577.6	771.3	200.9	332.3
August	154.4	312.2	865.9	349.4	576.0	779.0	202.8	341.0
November	149.1	310.2	887.1	342.1	579.2	794.4	203.2	340.8
1998 —								
February	146.1	312.0	905.5	336.6	585.3	806.7	203.7	339.0
May	148.7	318.1	921.4	332.8	591.1	810.2	204.3	341.9
August r	150.7	327.3	934.7	332.4	596.2	814.7	204.9	345.0
November r	150.5	328.0	942.3	339.1	601.1	819.7	207.0	342.7
1999 —								
February r	149.9	319.7	949.4	348.5	606.5	822.4	210.1	335.9
May	150.2	307.1	954.9	358.6	612.2	821.2	214.0	327.7

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## NOTES

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| INTRODUCTION        | <p>1 This report contains selected final labour force estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates will be published in <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6203.0), due for release at the end of the month.</p>   |
| REGIONAL ESTIMATES  | <p>2 This report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Labour Force Statistical Regions. Historically, these series have shown a high degree of variability which is inherent in data from the Labour Force Survey relating to small labour markets. Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates, particularly in month to month movements.</p> <p>3 The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, independent population benchmarks are not applied at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, while Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, they will show less stability than for similar estimates at the State level. In addition estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment), being considerably lower than State estimates, are subject to higher relative standard errors.</p> <p>4 Regional boundaries are regularly changed to adhere to the boundaries defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). These changes are made every 5 years, with the most recent changes being effective from September 1997. Further details about changes to dissemination regions can be found in <i>Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics</i> (cat. no. 6262.0).</p> |
| INDUSTRY            | <p>5 From August 1994, Labour Force Survey industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993</i> (cat. no. 1292.0). ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities in a structure consisting of 4 levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class). Labour Force Survey data are coded to the Group level.</p>  |
| STANDARD ERRORS     | <p>6 Standard errors of the estimates in this report for the States, Territories and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Michael Sleaf on Canberra 02 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.</p> <p>7 Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.</p>   |
| SYMBOLS             | <p>* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.</p> <p>r revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.</p>   |
| FURTHER INFORMATION | <p>8 For further explanatory information about statistics in this report, please refer to the Explanatory Notes and Technical Notes from <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6203.0).</p>   |

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